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POLITICAL.

Call for a Republican State Convention in Michigan.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, May 22.

The Republican State Committee publishes a call to-day for a State Convention, this city, on July 1st, to nominate a State Ticket and Electors at large. Each county will send two delegates for each Representative in the lower House of the Legislature. The call closes:

"The duty of the hour is the speedy reconstruction of the States lately in rebellion upon the basis which will secure to the loyal men of those States who would maintain the national honor in the end the control of their governments, and which will secure and restore taxation as fast as the national debt can be paid, to those who would have the government administered with the strictest economy, and the fullest protection to every citizen in the enjoyment of his rights. Every consideration of duty and honor demands radically reformed;

CHICAGO AND SOUTHERN IL-LINOIS.

The Proposed Railroad Going Down Grand Tower to Cairo.

Another Terrible Disaster on Lake Michigan.

Financial and Political Matters.

Kidgly Reasoned Political Writing.

Items in Chicago.

NEW ORLEANS.

Sugar Crop and the Cotton Worm.

Russian Jews and the Mississippi.

Fresh Outrages in Texas.

Questions of Law Decided.

Fresno and Tulare.

Personal Paragraphs and Items.

The Italian Crocodile at Paris.

Obituary.

Obituary Notices, &c.

Official Transactions of the Board of Supervisors—Cook county, Treasurer's and Justice—List of Bonds, &c.

THE GARDENERS.

GREAT FIRES IN THE WISCONSIN.

A Village Destroyed—Thousands of Acres of Wood Consumed.

SIX PINE WOODS.

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AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DECISION.

MISSISQUOI SPRING WATER AND ITS WONDERFUL CURES.

HELMBOLD'S Genuine Preparation! H "Highly Concentrated" COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU, A POSITIVE AND SPECIFIC REMEDY For Diseases of the Bladder, Kidneys, Gravel, and Dropsical Swellings. E

Men, Women and Children, HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU, For Weakness, arising from Excesses, Habits of Dissipation, as ordered with the following symptoms:

Indisposition to exertion, Loss of vigor, Loss of memory, Pain in the back, Dimness of vision, Universal lassitude of the muscular system, Prostration of the generative powers, Nervous irritability, Wakefulness, Dryness of the skin, Eruptions of the face, Pimples on the face, Blotches on the body, Hot hands, Frequent blushing, Indigestion, Constipation of the bowels, Dizziness of the head, Horror of disease, Wakefulness, Timidity, Trembling, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Dreadful dreams, Hysterics, Sudden flushes of heat, Want of confidence, Lassitude, Coldness of the extremities, Sallow countenance, Eruptions on the face, Pain in the head, Weak eyes, Cold feet

EDITORIAL.

Twenty-fourth Day's Proceedings—Reports of the General Order and Special Committees.

Final Decision of Lay Representation—Female Suffrage Affirmed.

Provision for Expenses of Delegates—Foreign Mission Conference—Salaries of Bishops, &c.—Election of Officers.

The twenty-fourth day's session of the Methodist General Conference was held yesterday, Bishop Janes presiding.

After the usual religious exercises, the report of the Committee on Lay Representation was taken up, the consideration of which was closed at a late session on Saturday. After a little discussion, it was decided that the question whether the report would require both the votes of two successive Conferences, by reason of Chapter 1, Section 2, Paragraph 1, of the Discipline, should be submitted to the Judiciary Committee, for their decision.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Simpson, from the Committee on Lay Representation, reported the following:

The General Conference of 1872 expressed its willingness to submit the question of lay representation to the Annual Conferences, and

The General Conference of 1876 concurred in this action; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Conference shall be composed of ministerial and lay delegates. The ministerial delegates shall consist of one-fifth of every thirty members of each annual conference, to be composed by seniority of service, or by election of such annual conference, and in the absence of such annual conference, but not to exceed four; but delegates of two years, from the time they were elected, shall not be eligible to a seat in the next General Conference, except as members of the Judiciary Committee, or by unanimous consent of the General Conference, to be granted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

It shall be the duty of the Bishops presiding at the several annual conferences, at their first session after the adoption of this report, to call for a vote by ballot, for lay delegates to the next General Conference, and the presiding elder of each district shall hold an election for lay delegates, at the time and place of holding the district conference next preceding the session of the annual conference at which the delegates are to be elected. The vote shall be taken by the stewards of the several charges in the district, and the presiding elder shall preside at the election, and shall receive the votes from the stewards, and publicly announce the result of the election to the district conference, to be recorded in the journal thereof.

They shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of the annual conference, nor more than two lay representatives for every forty-five, nor more than two lay representatives for any fraction of forty-five.

Resolved, That each's majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice; and if any of the delegates elected shall decline, or from any cause fail to attend the session of the General Conference, the next highest in the list of the respective classes in the annual conference shall be entitled to his place, and the substitutes so held on the list, in the order of their election.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reed, of Cincinnati:

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to appoint a committee of one minister and one layman from each Annual Conference, to meet at least two days before the session of the General Conference, to consider the question of the representation of the several Annual Conferences in the General Conference, and report to the General Conference the original basis and the subsidiaries to be laid on the basis, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hamilton, of Illinois:

Resolved, That the General Conference of 1880 recommend to the Annual Conferences the submission of the question of lay representation to the Quarterly Conferences.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reed, of Cincinnati:

Resolved, That the report be laid on the table, and be printed with the Journal.

The vote was then taken on the motion to lay the report on the table, and it was carried by a vote of 130 to 87.

At last the vote upon accepting the whole report was taken, and it was carried by a vote of 131 to 87. Mr. Reed, of Cincinnati, moved a reconsideration of the vote, and the motion was carried. The question pending was upon the adoption of the report.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reed, of Cincinnati:

Resolved, That the report be adopted by the following vote:

Those who favor the adoption of the report shall rise and stand in their places, and those who oppose it shall remain seated.

The vote was then taken, and the report was declared to be adopted by a vote of 131 to 87.

Mr. G. G. Reese offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee of Arrangements be requested to have the Conference photographed in a group, at the expense of the Conference, and that the Secretary be instructed to procure the same.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reed, of Cincinnati